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For: REACTION PRODUCT DERIVED FROM AMINE-FUNCTIONALIZED
ELASTOMERS AND MALEATED POLYOLEFINS

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This invention relates to a reaction product prepared by reacting a first polymer having pendant or terminal carboxyl or anhydride groups with a second polymer (e.g. elastomer) having an amine containing terminal group. The second polymer is anionically polymerized. The second polymer is functionalized by reacting the growing anionic chain end with an imine and then a protic terminating agent terminates the growing chain end. The first and second polymers are reacted by mixing (desirably above their softening temperatures) and forming a blend with improved physical properties over a blend of similar polymers lacking a pendant amine group.

As authorized and encouraged under 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.99, applicant hereby cites as a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the following patents and/or documents, copies enclosed, which the Examiner should consider with respect to the above-identified United States Patent Application:

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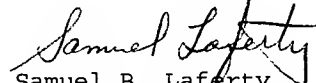
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An examination of the present application considering the above documents is requested.

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